



Informal Fellowship - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes - 9:30a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
(Online at www.mgmennonite.org)



Maple Grove
Newsletter

*Disciples of Jesus,
Revealing His Kingdom
Through Love, Spiritual Growth,
and Service Together*

Newsletter dated
August 28, 2025



On Sunday, Maple Grove welcomes Moises and Ana Arauz to Maple Grove. Moises and Ana are from Nicaragua and are the International Directors of Metanoia Missions International, one of Maple Grove's mission partners. Metanoia Missions International is a non-profit organization committed to bring hope and transformation within Nicaragua's vulnerable communities, encompassing children, elders, the disabled, and those facing despair. Their foundation rests upon the fundamental belief that every child deserves the opportunity to thrive, every elder and widow deserves care, and every person with disabilities should move forward with dignity. More information can be found on their website: www.metanoiamissions.org.

**Sunday
August 31, 2025**



Message: Moises Arauz
Worship Leader: Myron Weaver
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

Living Waters

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, beloved of God, weary from the journey, burdened by the weight of doing good.

People: *We come seeking renewal, strength, and hope.*

Leader: Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

People: *We will press on in faith, trusting in God's promise and timing.*

Leader: In this sacred space, may our hearts be refreshed, our spirits lifted, and our hands strengthened for the work ahead.

People: *We worship the One who sustains us, who sees our labor, and who blesses our perseverance.*

All: Let us worship God with joy, with endurance, and with hope!

PRAISING

Praise Songs

Send Me
VT #834 *Thuma mina (Send Me, Lord)*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Galatians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Isaiah 61:3

Message

Lasting Impact

RESPONDING

Song of Response

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

VT #810 *Go, My Friends, in Grace*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Songs used with permission: CCLI 465314

HWB- Hymnal Worship Book (blue)

STJ-Sing the Journey (green)

TMH – The Mennonite Hymnal (red)

STS-Sing the Story (purple)

VT-Voices Together (purple)



✝ Pray for those with health concerns: *Diamond Howell; Arrie Ledsome; Alta Bates; Miriam Miller; Rachel Weaver; Mary Hilmer's brother Harold Yoder; Nancy Beachy's sister Alta; Alta Bates' sister Leona; Sylvia Miller's brother Paul Yoder; and Jeremy Graber, Kevin Graber's nephew.*

✝ Pray for Sophia Sommers who is studying abroad in Zambia, Africa, with a team of students from her school. Pray for their safety and health while serving and learning in Zambia during their fall semester of nursing school.

✝ Pray for the Mykhaylyuchenko family - *Vlad, Krystyna, Vlad and Emilia*, and the Khodyrieva family - *Ludmila, Diana and Anastasia.*

✝ Pray for Alexis Deuzoumbé as he continues nursing school and pray for his immigration process.

✝ Pray for the families and most vulnerable who suffer from war and violence in our world. For those in Sudan, Ukraine, Myanmar and the border between Cambodia and Thailand. Especially remember the people of Gaza whose suffering is difficult to even comprehend--may our prayers help them to know they are not forgotten.



Ministry of Congregational Care would like to thank Steve & Holly Miller and Scott & Kami Sommers for hosting the congregation at Lake Mohawk last Sunday. What a wonderful time of fellowship and fun for everyone. Thank you for your generosity and hospitality. And thank you to those who shared on Sunday during the service.

Ministry of Outreach would like to thank all those who donated for the MCC School Kits and for those who helped assemble the kits on August 17th. We donated 175 kits to the MCC Material Resource Center in Kidron. These will go towards MCC's challenge to make 25,000 school kits in the month of August.



Worship Schedule

Revisit Reframe Reclaim:

Scriptures which have been misused by or against us

We will look at familiar Scriptures that may be taken out of context to prove a point or fulfill an agenda, or Scriptures that have a negative association in our minds. The goal is to present an interpretation that has credibility, is more true to the context, leading to greater understanding and appreciation. Each Sunday we will share a story of a current Anabaptist congregation or group to highlight ministries in various parts of the world (taken from *Faith in Full Color: A Tapestry of Anabaptist Stories* (compiled and written by Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi).

July 6	Philippians 4:13	"No, You Can't Do ALL Things..."	(Nathanael)
July 13	Romans 12:1-2	"Anabaptist Flaws"	(Myrrl)
July 20	Jeremiah 29:11	"A Strange Prosperity"	(Nathanael)
July 27	James 2:19-27	"Just Follow the Rules"	(Myrrl)
August 3		Congregational Visit to Behalt	
August 10		Music with Herm and Vince (Kevin Graber Farm)	
August 17	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	"Will Work for Food"	(Nathanael)
August 24	Church Sunday Out at Lake Mohawk	Group Sharing on Most Meaningful Scripture	
August 31	Moises & Ana Arauz from Nicaragua	Sharing about Metanoia Missions	
Sept. 7	Romans 8:26-30	"Minimal Pain--Maximum Delight--Magnificent Outcomes"	(Myrrl)
Sept. 14	Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi	"Faith in Full Color: A Tapestry of Anabaptist Stories"	

PLEASE NOTE:

- Pastor Nathanael is bringing the message at Martin's Mennonite Church in Orrville this Sunday.
- The church office will be closed on Monday for Labor Day. Cindy will be working Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 2, 4 & 5. (Cindy is also out of the office on Friday, August 29.)



- Wed. – Sept. 3 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
- Tues. – Sept. 9 - Lake Township FISH Annual Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction
- Thurs. – Sept. 11 - Maple Grove's night to supply volunteers @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8pm
- Sat. – Sept. 13 - Lighthouse Ministries' Open House & Marketplace Fundraiser



Thanks
for Your
Support!

Offering Sunday, August 17-Education Sunday

Attendance: 66

General Fund	\$ 6,781.25
Education Fund	1,335.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	200.00
Total Offering	\$ 8,316.25

Offering last Sunday, August 24

Attendance: 60

General Fund	\$ 2,710.00
Education Fund	1,000.00
Special Designation	1,000.00
Total Offering	\$ 4,710.00



The updated list of Ministry & Committee members has been emailed out to the congregation and paper copies are in the mailboxes. The new ministry terms begin September 1, 2025.

The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, September 3

Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and spend the day, or come for just a bit. We enjoy each other's friendship while we work! Please contact Twila Miller, Margaret Miller or Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The second Thursday of each month is Maple Grove's turn to supply volunteers at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe. Ministry of Outreach is encouraging volunteers to help with this. People of all ages are WELCOME on Thursday, September 11, from 6-8pm.

Park around back, come in through the Volunteer door and ask for Denise when you arrive. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Yoder.

Sunday School materials have been placed in the adult classrooms for the fall quarter which begins September 7th. Sunday School quarterlies for the winter quarter will be ordered mid-October. Please let Ruth Yoder know how many quarterlies your class will need. Below is a list of the Sunday School classes for the 2025-2026 school year – these will start next Sunday:

CLASS	LOCATION	TEACHER
Children's Ministry (up to 6 th Grade)	Rooms 7-8	Sami Miller
Youth (Grades 7-12)	Rooms 3-4	Vee Miller
Post-High/Young Adults	Fellowship Hall	Joe Weaver



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ADULTS:

Women's Class	Room 1-Education Side
Men's Class	Room 9-Hallway
Mixed Intergenerational Class	Room 2-Education Side
Mixed 30's-40's Class	Basement



Acme Community Cash Back Program runs through February 15, 2026.

If you shop at Acme, save your receipts and bring them into the church – a collection box is available under the mailboxes. Lake Township FISH can turn these in at the end of the program and Acme will give a percentage of the cash back amount printed on the bottom of each receipt to FISH. This is a great way to donate to FISH just by doing your regular grocery shopping! Thanks for your support of this project! - Ministry of Outreach

To include something in the newsletter, please email Cindy Fleming at secretary@maplegroovemennonite.org by Wednesday each week – thank you!



The August edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service.

In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King reflects on the impact of Katrina, 20 years ago this month; we also celebrate this year's cohort of year-long volunteers; and you'll meet two pillars of faith in action, celebrating 14 years of MDS service. Click [here](#) to read more. A copy of the newsletter is posted on the MDS mission bulletin board in the hallway at the church.

Lighthouse Ministries' Open House and Fundraiser is on Saturday, September 13 from 11:00 am–2:00 pm (1931 3rd St SE, Canton). Discover how Lighthouse is walking alongside youth in Southeast Canton to nurture growth, spark creativity, and build lasting community. Guests will experience guided tours led by board members and volunteers, interactive enrichment stations led by students, and optional bus tours that highlight the history and heart of our neighborhood. This event is part of our fall campaign to raise \$50,000 in support of Lighthouse's mission, and we'd love for you to be part of it. Let us know you're coming by registering at cantonlighthouse.org/openhouse. If you can't attend but still want to invest in the lives of our students, give your gift today at cantonlighthouse.org/give.

From Hartville Thrift Shoppe: Looking for ways to give back for all the blessings we receive? Please know how much we appreciate your support! Our board members and many of our volunteers are from your congregations! We can't do what we do without you. Thank you! And we'd love to have more of you! We're so blessed by God and are continuing to grow - how awesome! The more volunteers we have, the more we can accomplish, and the more we can give to MCC and the local charities we support like LOC, Lake Cares, FISH, Agape Bread Ministry, and through service grants. ALL ARE WELCOME - maybe folks who are just hitting retirement age, those who work part-time, or high school students who need volunteer hours. Teaching our children the value of volunteering is so wonderful! And every hour helps! It's FUN! (And there's often food involved...) Hours are totally flexible. If you are already volunteering, bring a friend anytime! If you're interested in volunteering or finding out what you could do here, come in and meet with our volunteer coordinator! Or fill out a Volunteer Information Form in the store or online at our website www.hartvillethriftshoppe.org. (Click on the Volunteer tab, and then "Complete our [Volunteer Information Form here](#). It will be submitted directly and the volunteer coordinator will contact you.) Join us here at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe, where every purchase, every donation, and every volunteer hour are literally gifts to the world. Thank you!

Everence Workshop – Investing With Purpose – September 2

Explore the basics of investing and how your faith values can reflect your financial decisions. The workshop is on Tuesday, September 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Maple Grove Mennonite Church. You'll learn about different types of investments; reflecting your faith in your investment decisions, and basic considerations and strategies to get started. To register, go to [Investing with purpose](#) or for more information, contact Kelly Troyer at 800-986-9988 or northeastohio@everence.com.

Ongoing News @ Maple Grove

Coffee Time & Informal Fellowship @ Church – Sundays @ 9am

Join us Sunday mornings before Sunday School – Everyone is welcome!

If you would like to help with supplying donuts and/or baked goods, please get in touch with Barb Dutcher (for baked goods) or Perry Miller (for donuts). Two dozen donuts and homemade or store-bought baked goods are needed at the church by 9am on Sunday mornings. Thanks for your help!

Encouragement Cards - There are encouragement cards placed in every pew so that as the Spirit lays someone on your heart, you can share your thoughts and encouraging words with them. You may place the cards in their mailbox or give directly to them. Extra cards are on the literature rack.

Receiving of the offering

An offering basket is available at the back of the sanctuary for you to place your offering before the service begins. The basket will be brought to the front of the sanctuary during the offertory music to be blessed during the offering prayer.

You may also place your offering in the basket after the service. Thank you!



Offering Envelope Numbers

In order to receive a year-end statement of your offerings, you must have an offering number. To obtain an offering number, please contact Kami Sommers. The offering envelopes are designed so you can designate your offering to specific funds. If funds are not designated on the envelope, they are included in the General Fund with the exception of the 3rd Sunday of each month which is Education Sunday and non-designated funds go to the Education Fund.

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Facebook – Maple Grove Mennonite Church Group
(send updates to Pastor Nathanael, Jill Liechty or Julie Yoder)

Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler: Pastor (pastornathanael@maplegrovemennonite.org)
- **Office Hours:** **Monday 9am-1pm; Tuesday thru Thursday-8am-12pm**
Myrri Byler: Associate Pastor (myrri.byler@gmail.com)
- **Office Hours:** **Friday 8am-2pm**
Cindy Fleming: Church Secretary (Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org)
- **Office Hours:** **Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday – 8am-1pm**
Ministry of Congregational Care: Dan Dutcher, Paul Bontrager, Harold Beachy, Jill Liechty
Prayer Chain: Kami Sommers

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Adult Classes

Women's Class	Room 1-Education Side
Men's Class	Room 9-Hallway
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Children/Youth/Young Adult Classes

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Youth (Grades 9-12) & Post-High	
Youth Room in Basement	